2008 No. 63

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008

Made - - - - - 20th February 2008

Coming into operation 16th May 2008

The Department for Regional Development(**a**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**):

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2008 and shall come into operation on 16th May 2008.

Amendments

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**d**) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) In regulation 11 (proportions and form of letters, numerals, symbols and other characters)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for the words "(3) and (5)" there shall be substituted "(3), (5) and (9)"; and

(b) after paragraph (8) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—

"(9) Letters and numerals used on a sign shown in diagram 2714 or 2715 shall have the proportions and form shown in Part I of Schedule 13 where those letters and numerals are white and the proportions and form shown in Part II of Schedule 13 where they are black.".

(3) In Part I of Schedule 7 (temporary and emergency directional signs) after diagram 2710 there shall be inserted the diagrams specified in the Schedule and the words specified in and under them.

(4) In Schedule 16 (permitted variants)—

(a) in item 6 in column (2) after the words "876" there shall be inserted ", 2713.1";

(b) in item 9 in column (2) after the words "782.2" there shall be inserted ", 2713.1"; and

(c) in item 11 in column (2) after the words "820.1" there shall be inserted ", 2713.1".

(5) In Schedule 17 (illumination requirements)—

(a) in item 1 in column (2) after the words "2710" there shall be inserted ", 2713.1"; and

(b) after item 12 there shall be inserted the following items—

(**a**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) S.R. 1997 No. 386 relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2002 No. 143 and S.R. 2003 No. 214

Item *(1)*	*Diagram Numbers* *(2)*	*Method of illumination* *(3)*
"13.	2711	The sign shall be internally illuminated.
14.	2714, 2715	The parts of the signs coloured other than black or orange shall be reflectorised in accordance with the provisions of regulation 17. The parts of the signs coloured orange may be so illuminated and may be fluorescent.".

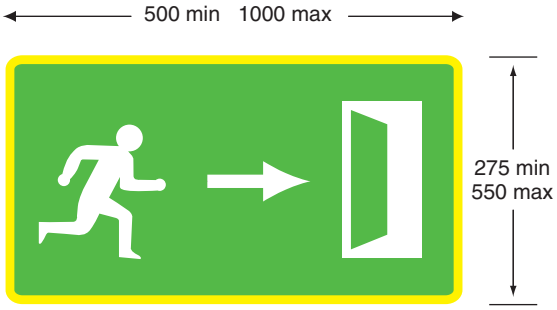
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SCHEDULE

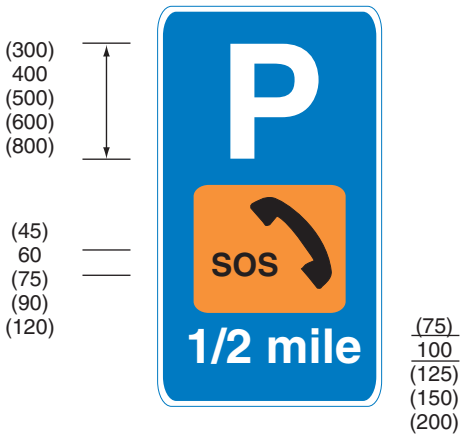
Regulation 2(3)



2711

Direction to emergency exit for pedestrians from a tunnel

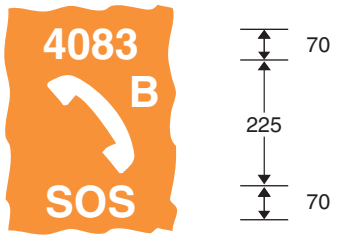
Item	
1	Regulations: None
2	Diagrams: None
3	Permitted variants: The symbols shall be reversed where appropriate with the direction of the arrow and running man symbol pointing to the left. The symbols may be arranged vertically. The arrow may point vertically upwards
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 13



2713.1

Distance ahead to emergency telephone in a parking place

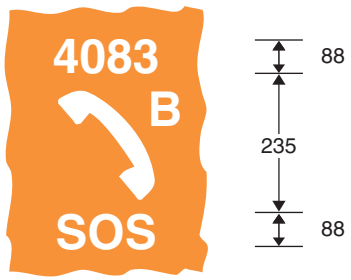
Item	
1	Regulations: None
2	Diagrams: 642.3, 2714, 2715
3	Permitted variants: Schedule 16, items 6, 9, 11 Where appropriate "mile" may be varied to "miles" or omitted. The "P" symbol may be placed to the left of the orange panel or omitted
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 1



2714

Side of emergency telephone box

Item	
1	Regulations: 11(9)
2	Diagrams: 642.3, 2713.1, 2715
3	Permitted variants: The identification number may be varied as appropriate. The colour of the legend and symbol may be varied to black. The relative position of the number and "SOS" may be reversed. A flashing white light may be added to the sign
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 14



2715

Back of emergency telephone box

Item	
1	Regulations: 11(9)
2	Diagrams: 642.3, 2713.1, 2714
3	Permitted variants: Same as diagram 2714
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 14

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997.

The Regulations prescribe four new signs shown in diagrams 2711 (direction to emergency exit for pedestrians from a tunnel), 2713.1 (distance ahead to emergency telephone in a parking place), 2714 and 2715 (signs for indicating an emergency telephone box) and make several consequential amendments.

These Regulations have been notified to the European Commission pursuant to Directive 98/34/EC of 22nd June 1998 laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations and of rules on Information Society Services (O.J. No. L204, 21.07.98, p. 37-48) as amended by Directive 98/48/EC of 20th July 1998 (O.J. No. L217, 05.08.98, p. 18-26). Copies of the Directives can be obtained from The Stationery Office Bookshop, 16 Arthur Street, Belfast, BT1 4GD.

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